SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Sir, my second supplementary is this. The Fifth Pay Commission had recommended for restoration of pension after 12 years, but the Government has not accepted it. What was the reason for not accepting this recommendation? I want to know whether the Government is thinking to reduce it to 12 years or not.

SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN: Sir, I have already answered it. The Government has not accepted reduction in the period of restoration. The Government has accepted enhancing the commutation limit to 40 per cent. Earlier, it was 1/3rd, and now it it 40 per cent.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Sir, a number of employees don't get their pension immediately after retirement. All sorts of complaints and objections are put against them. After working in the Government for 20 to 30 years, all sorts of queries come in the way of settling his pension. Why don't you use those 20 to 30 years of service for settling these disputes? Why don't you give him the Pension Payment Order on the day of his retirement? Will the Minister assure us that here afterwards the pensioners will get their Pension Payment Order on the day of their retirement?

SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN: Sir, the pensioners are taken care of by the Government. Recently, a meeting of SCOVA was held. In the meeting, the difficulties of pensioners who are not getting their pension in time were discussed. There are so many problems in this regard. But the Government is on the move, and...

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

SC Directive on Almatti Dam

*163. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the recent directive of the Supreme Court on the Almatti Dam height controversy; and

(b) the steps taken to ensure implementation of the directive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The Supreme Court has directed on 3.11.1998 that the erection of crest gates at Almatti Dam will not begin till further orders from the Supreme Court.

(b) The implementation of the directive is to be ensured by Government of Karnataka.

Flood Control measures in Assam

*165. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of proposals/ schemes received from the Government of Assam for short term flood control measures to be implemented under Rs. 500 crore flood control clause of PM's package alongwith estimated cost;

(b) the details of schemes sanctioned and amount earmarked during 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(c) status of long term flood control measures including Subansiri Dam and Tipaimukh Dam projects; and

(d) when these are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) .The Government of Assam has sent a proposal containing, twenty five flood control schemes on Brahmaputra river estimated at Rs. 65 crore requesting for providing funds amounting to Rs. 10 crore under Prime Minister's package for 1998-99. These have been examined and sent to Planning Commission for arranging allocation of funds.